

ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE: C14-2008-0112

P.C. DATE: June 24, 2008

July 8, 2008

ADDRESS: 4209 Clawson Road

OWNER/APPLICANT: Robert W. Anderson, Jr.

ZONING FROM: SF-3

TO: GR

AREA: 0.19 acres

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff alternatively recommends approval of LO-CO (limited office – conditional overlay) combining district zoning. The conditional overlay shall restrict the number of daily vehicle trips to 2,000.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

Pending

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:

The subject 0.19-acre tract is currently developed with a single-family residence. The applicant intends to rezone the property to GR (community commercial) district zoning to allow for the development of a small professional office.

The lot has frontage on Clawson Road, from which both ingress and egress access will be taken. A traffic impact analysis was waived for this case because the applicant agreed to limit the intensity and uses for this development. If the zoning is granted, development should be limited through a conditional overlay to less than 2,000 vehicle trips per day. [LDC, 25-6-117]

The area to the north of the property is predominately composed of single-family residences. To the south and west, there are several types of commercial uses, including automobile repair and custom manufacturing.

The applicant claims to have lost his homestead exemption due to the commercial status of the property and had thought he was already commercially zoned. For several years, the applicant used the property as both his primary residence and a custom manufacturing facility for hand-made guns.

There was a rezoning case in 1979 that may have caused some confusion, case #C14-79-214. This case rezoned the adjacent property to the south from Interim "A" Residence to "GR" General Retail. The legal description identified the correct property for rezoning in the subdivision reference. However, the addresses listed on the public hearing notices and ordinance incorrectly labeled the local address as 4205-4209 Clawson Road. The city rezones by legal description, so while the address 4209 Clawson was included, the subject property itself was not rezoned.

Earlier this year, the Planning Commission and City Council approved the rezoning of a single-family lot across the street, case #C14-2008-0046, from SF-3 (family residence) to LO-CO (limited office – conditional overlay) combining district zoning. The conditional overlay prohibited most commercial uses and predominately allowed for a new parking lot for an adjacent property.

The subject property is located in the South Lamar Combined Neighborhood Planning Area. The neighborhood plan for this area is temporarily on hold.

EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:

	ZONING	LAND USES
<i>Site</i>	SF-3	Single-Family Residence
<i>North</i>	SF-3	Single-Family Residences
<i>South</i>	GR	Automobile Repair, Pawn Shop, Auto Sales
<i>East</i>	GR; CS	Automobile Repair, Custom Manufacturing
<i>West</i>	GR; LO; SF-3	Automobile Repair, Single-Family Residences

TIA: Waived

WATERSHED: West Bouldin Creek

DESIRED DEVELOPMENT ZONE: YES

CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR: N/A

HILL COUNTRY ROADWAY: N/A

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:

Barton Springs / Edwards Aquifer
Conservation District
South Lamar Neighborhood Association

Homeless Neighborhood Association
Austin Neighborhoods Council
South Central Coalition

SCHOOLS:

Galindo Elementary
Fulmore Middle School
Travis High School

CASE HISTORIES:

NUMBER	REQUEST	PLANNING COMMISSION	CITY COUNCIL
C14-79-214 (adjacent property to the south)	From Interim "A" Residence, Interim First Height to "GR" General Retail, First Height	Approved GR; First Height	Approved GR; First Height [Vote: 7-0]
C14-2008-0046 (across street)	From SF-3 to LO-CO	Approved by consent	Approved by consent

ABUTTING STREETS:

Name	ROW	Pavement	Class	Sidewalk	Bus Route	Bike Route
Clawson Road	50'	40'	Collector	No	No	No

CITY COUNCIL DATE: Pending

ACTION: N/A

ORDINANCE READINGS: 1st

2nd

3rd

ORDINANCE NUMBER:

CASE MANAGER: Robert Levinski

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the request for rezoning to LO-CO (limited office-conditional overlay) combining district zoning.

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

1. *Granting of the request should result in an equal treatment of similarly situated properties, and the rezoning should be consistent with the policies and principles adopted by the City Council or Planning Commission.*

Earlier this year, the Planning Commission and City Council approved the rezoning of a similarly-situated property across the street. In that case, the applicant agreed with the registered neighborhood association to limit the majority of the commercial uses to allow for a parking lot. The applicant also attached additional conditions on the GR-zoned property to the south. Providing a buffer to the single-family zoned properties to the north, like a limited office, would be consistent with the policies set forth by the previous rezoning case.

2. *Zoning should promote the policy of locating retail and more intensive zoning near the intersections of arterial roadways or at the intersections of arterials and major collectors.*

While the subject property is on a single-family street (Clawson), the office zoning provides a transition from the intense commercial uses located at the intersection of Clawson and Fort View.

Site Characteristics

Any new development is subject to Subchapter E. Design Standards and Mixed Use. Additional comments will be made when the site plan is submitted.

The site is subject to compatibility standards. Along the north property line, the following standards apply:

- No structure may be built within 25 feet of the property line.
- No structure in excess of two stories or 30 feet in height may be constructed within 50 feet of the property line.
- No structure in excess of three stories or 40 feet in height may be constructed within 100 feet of the property line.
- No parking or driveways are allowed within 25 feet of the property line.
- In addition, a fence, berm, or dense vegetation must be provided to screen adjoining properties from views of parking, mechanical equipment, storage, and refuse collection.

Additional design regulations will be enforced at the time a site plan is submitted.

Environmental

The site is not located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. The site is located in the West Bouldin Creek Watershed of the Colorado River Basin, which is classified as an Urban Watershed by Chapter 25-8 of the City's Land Development Code. It is in the Desired Development Zone.

Impervious cover is not limited in this watershed class; therefore the zoning district impervious cover limits will apply.

This site is required to provide on-site structural water quality controls (or payment in lieu of) for all development and/or redevelopment when 5,000 s.f. cumulative is exceeded, and detention for the two-year storm. At this time, no information has been provided as to whether this property has any pre-existing approvals which would preempt current water quality or Code requirements.

According to flood plain maps, there is no flood plain within the project area.

At this time, site-specific information is unavailable regarding existing trees and other vegetation, areas of steep slope, or other environmental features such as bluffs, springs, canyon rimrock, caves, sinkholes, and wetlands.

Standard landscaping and tree protection will be required in accordance with LDC 25-2 and 25-8 for all development and/or redevelopment.

Transportation

No additional right-of-way is needed at this time.

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Water and Wastewater

The landowner intends to serve the site with City of Austin water and wastewater utilities. The landowner, at own expense, will be responsible for providing the water and wastewater utility improvements, offsite main extensions, system upgrades, utility relocations and or abandonments required. The water and wastewater plan must be in accordance with the City of Austin utility design criteria. The water and wastewater utility plan must be reviewed and approved by the Austin Water Utility. All water and wastewater construction must be inspected by the City of Austin. The landowner must pay the City inspection fee with the utility construction. The landowner must pay the tap and impact fee once the landowner makes an application for a City of Austin water and wastewater utility tap permit.